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SUBJ: BURUNDIAN PRIME MINISTER VISITS ROMANIA
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1. SUMMARY. BURUNDIAN PRIME MINISTER, LT. COLONEL EDOUARD NZAMBIMAN
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VISITED BUCHAREST JULY 11-15, MEETING PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU
AND SIGNING SEVERAL ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING A GENERAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT, A CONVENTION CREATING AN AGRICULTURAL
JOINT COMPANY (AGRIBUROM), A CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT, AND A RADIO
AND TV COOPERATION CONVENTION. ALL OF THESE AGREEMENTS HAD
BEEN PREPARED BY A JOINT COMMISSION WHICH HAD STARTED ITS
WORK IN BUCHAREST ON JULY 6. VISIT WAS LARGELY SYMBOLIC. END SUMMARY

2. BURUNDIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR MAGETE TOLD EMBOFF JULY 19
THAT VISIT HAD BEEN AT ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT INVITATION WHICH
HAD BEEN EXTENDED PRIOR TO BURUNDIAN CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT
LATE LAST YEAR. MAGETE ALSO STATED:

A. JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT FINALIZED UNTIL IMMEDIATELY
PRIOR TO NZAMBIMANA'S DEPARTURE BECAUSE OF SEVERAL DIS-
AGREEMENTS ON TEXT. LONGEST TO RESOLVE (THREE HOURS) WAS
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POINT CONCERNING NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. ROMANIAN SIDE
INSISTED ON CALLING FOR NAM SUMMIT WHILE BURUNDIAN
DELEGATION, IN BELIEF THAT OTHER INITIATIVES ALREADY
BEGUN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RUN THEIR COURSE, RESISTED
ROMANIAN TEXT. FINAL WORKING (UNOFFICIALLY TRANSLATED
FROM FRENCH TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE OBTAINED DURING CALL)
READS AS FOLLOWS: "IN THIS CONTEXT, THEY (BURUNDI AND

ROMANIA) HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR FIRM DETERMINATION AS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS, SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE 'GROUP OF 77', AND WITH ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SEARCH FOR WAYS AND MEANS TO ATTAIN A NEW WORLD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ORDER, AS WELL AS SOLIDARITY AND UNIFIED ACTION, THROUGH THE INTENSIFICATION OF THEIR CONTACTS AND OF THEIR CONSULTATIONS AT VARIOUS LEVELS." OTHER INITIATIVES MENTIONED BY MAGETE WERE A MEETING OF NAM PRIME, OR FOREIGN, MINISTERS DURING THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION IN NEW YORK AND THE SCHEDULED 1979 MEETING IN HAVANA.

B. BURUNDIAN SIDE ALSO CUT DOWN PARAGRAPH CONCERNING CHANGES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE AND NEED FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE A FREE AND INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, TEXT ON AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS WAS LENGTHENED FROM FEW SENTENCES TO THREE QUARTERS OF A PAGE, EXPRESSING USUAL SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA.

C. AGRIBUROM, LIKE SOMIBUROM ESTABLISHED DURING MAY VISIT TO BUMUMBURA OF ROMANIAN DEPUTY MINES MINISTER (REFTEL), IS JOINT COMPANY WITH 51 PERCENT BURUNDIAN AND 49 PERCENT ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION. NEW COMPANY WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP 10,000 HECTARE AREA FOR AGRICULTURE AND POSSIBLE DAIRY FARMING. IN ADDITION, THE AREA WILL BE SURVEYED FOR UNDERGROUND RESOURCES AND EXPLOITED AS APPROPRIATE. HOWEVER, SINCE AREA IS STILL WILD, IT FIRST HAS TO BE CLEARED AND

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LEVELED FOR AGRICULTURAL USE; PRODUCTION IS NOT EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME (YEARS).

D. THE CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT GIVES TAROM THE RIGHT TO LAND IN BUJUMBURA. MAGETE DID NOT KNOW WHEN TAROM INTENDED TO INCLUDE BUJUMBURA ON A SCHEDULED ROUTE.

E. RADIO-TV AGREEMENT IS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF PROGRAMS AND IS "UNIMPORTANT".

F. ROMANIAN-BURUNDIAN TRADE IS DIRECT THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME. IN THE PAST, IT HAD BEEN EFFECTED BY WAY OF BELGIUM.

G. THERE ARE NOW ABOUT 25 BURUNDIAN STUDENTS HERE. THIS NUMBER WILL INCREASE TO BETWEEN 50-100 NEXT YEAR.

3. COMMENT: WE FIND CONTINUED ROMANIAN INSISTENCE ON A NAM SUMMIT, AN IDEA WHICH CEAUSESCU BORROWED FROM ALI BHUTTO, INTERESTING. THIS PART OF THE COMMUNIQUE IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TEXT PRINTED IN THE ROMANIAN VERSION WHICH APPEARED IN THE RCP DAILY "SCINTEIA" ON JULY 15. OTHERWISE, VISIT SEEMED ESSENTIALLY CEREMONIAL AND SYMBOLIC OF ROMANIA'S INTEREST IN CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD NATIONS.

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